



WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, October 13, 2004, for the purpose of meeting with the board of Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE).

The meeting began at 7:35 p.m. in the GATE Studio, Community Center.

PRESENT were Mayor Judith Davis, Mayor pro tem Rodney Roberts and Council members Leta Mach and Konrad Herling. Mr. Edward Putens arrived at 8:00 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; Robert Zugby, Lisa Allen, Tom White, Allen Halley, George Kochell, Doug Love, and Malia Murray of GATE.

Mayor Davis began noting that this was the annual stakeholder meeting with the GATE board. Mr. Zugby welcomed everyone and thanked the Council for coming. Ms. Allen distributed a budget for GATE for 2004. It was noted that more is going to salaries with less going to contractors than in past years. Council asked for a copy of the 2005 budget early in the year when prepared.

Mr. Kochell did a presentation on the animation program run by GATE in conjunction with the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA). He noted that the program is one of only a few nationwide. One of the limitations of this program and other GATE programs is a need for more space. A number of ideas were put forward including the space that will become vacated when the post office moves, the Jaycees clubhouse and the Community Center should space become available.

Ms. Murray briefed Council on the productions by GATE over the past years including the work by a local teenager, Nick Dobson. She also noted that GATE has good equipment and looks to continue to upgrade. There is an excellent working relationship between GATE and the City. An upcoming project is establishing a dedicated Web site for GATE. Mr. Zugby noted that from the start GATE has served the youth of Greenbelt and that continues to be a major focus of GATE.

GATE is undertaking consideration of establishing its own public access channel rather than sharing the City's municipal access Channel 71. GATE continues to be interested in ensuring the renovated Greenbelt Theatre will accommodate their showing of programs.

A presentation on GATE programs was done.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McLaughlin

City Manager